

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 9, with the following amended paragraph:

2. The agent according to item 1, wherein the compound represented by formula (1) is at least one species selected from the group consisting of ~~poly~~ tri-n-propyl phosphate, tri-n-butyl phosphate, tri-n-pentyl phosphate, tri-iso-propyl phosphate, tri-iso-butyl phosphate, tri-sec-butyl phosphate, tri-tert-butyl phosphate, tri-iso-pentyl phosphate, tri-sec-pentyl phosphate, trineopentyl phosphate, ethyl-di(n-propyl) phosphate, ethyl-di(iso-propyl) phosphate, ethyl-di(n-butyl) phosphate, ethyl-di(iso-butyl) phosphate, ethyl-di(sec-butyl) phosphate, ethyl-di(tert-butyl) phosphate, ethyl-di(n-pentyl) phosphate, ethyl-di(iso-pentyl) phosphate, ethyl-di(sec-pentyl) phosphate, ethyl-di(neopentyl) phosphate, diethyl-n-propyl phosphate, diethyl-n-butyl phosphate, diethyl-iso-butyl phosphate, diethyl-sec-butyl phosphate, diethyl-tert-butyl phosphate, diethyl-n-pentyl phosphate, diethyl-iso-pentyl phosphate, diethyl-sec-pentyl phosphate, diethylneopentyl phosphate, n-propyl-di(iso-propyl) phosphate, di(n-propyl)iso-propyl phosphate, n-propyl-di(n-butyl) phosphate, di(n-propyl)n-butyl phosphate, n-propyl-di(iso-butyl) phosphate, di(n-propyl)iso-butyl phosphate, n-propyl-di(sec-butyl) phosphate, di(n-propyl)sec-butyl phosphate, n-propyl-di(tert-butyl) phosphate, di(n-propyl)tert-butyl phosphate, n-propyl-di(n-pentyl) phosphate, di(n-propyl)n-pentyl phosphate, n-propyl-di(iso-pentyl) phosphate, di(n-propyl)iso-pentyl phosphate, n-propyl-di(sec-pentyl) phosphate, di(n-propyl)sec-pentyl phosphate, n-propyl-di(neopentyl) phosphate, di(n-propyl)neopentyl phosphate, iso-propyl-di(n-butyl) phosphate, di(iso-propyl)n-butyl phosphate, iso-propyl-di(iso-butyl) phosphate, di(iso-propyl)iso-butyl phosphate, iso-propyl-di(sec-butyl) phosphate, di(iso-propyl)sec-butyl phosphate, iso-propyl-di(tert-butyl) phosphate, di(iso-propyl)tert-butyl phosphate,

iso-propyldi(n-pentyl) phosphate, di(iso-propyl)n-pentyl phosphate, iso-propyldi(iso-pentyl) phosphate, di(iso-propyl)iso-pentyl phosphate, iso-propyldi(sec-pentyl) phosphate, di(iso-propyl)sec-pentyl phosphate, iso-propyldi(neopentyl) phosphate, di(iso-propyl)neopentyl phosphate, n-butyldi(iso-butyl) phosphate, di(n-butyl)iso-butyl phosphate, n-butyldi(sec-butyl) phosphate, di(n-butyl)sec-butyl phosphate, iso-butyldi(sec-butyl) phosphate, and di(iso-butyl)sec-butyl phosphate.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 16, line 21, with the following amended paragraph:

HFC-245fa containing no chlorine atoms is less miscible with polyol components as compared with HCFC-141b containing chlorine atoms. As a result, concentrations of ~~HCFC-141b~~ HFC-245fa in premix compositions occasionally become ununiform. In contrast, the vapor pressure reductant of the present invention is capable of increasing the solubility of HFC-245fa in polyols to form a homogeneous premix composition.

Please delete the entire paragraph beginning at page 38, line 24 and ending at page 39, line 2.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 57, line 8, with the following amended paragraph:

Further, the premix compositions of Examples 3, 4, 7 and 8 which contain the supplemental vapor pressure ~~reducing agent of the present invention~~ depressant in addition to TNPP or TIBP showed further greater pressure reduction ratios compared with the premix compositions of Examples 1 and 2. The vapor pressures of the compositions of these examples

were in the range of 273 to 315 kPa, which are nearly equivalent to the vapor pressure obtained when HCFC-141c is used as a foaming agent, and thus are sufficiently low for practical use.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 58, line 6, with the following amended paragraph:

Examples 9 to 15

To 100 weight parts of a mixture containing an ester-based polyol (OH value = 314 mg KOH/g, viscosity = 2,370 mPa·s at 25°C, trade name “Fantol PL-305[[(?)]]”, manufactured by Toho Rika Co., Ltd. and a polyether polyol (OH value = 467 mg KOH/g, viscosity = 3,300 mPa·s at 25°C, manufactured by Sumika Bayer Urethane Co., Ltd.) at an ester-based polyol/polyether polyol weight ratio of 70:30 were added, with ice cooling: 1 weight part of a foaming stabilizer (trade name “SH-193”, manufactured by Toray Silicone Co., Ltd.); 2 weight parts of potassium acetate and 2 weight parts of PC-41 (triazine-based catalyst, N,N',N"-tris(dimethylaminopropyl)hexahydro-S-triazine, trade name “POLYCAT-41”, manufactured by Sankyo Air Products Co., Ltd.) as curing catalysts; 2 weight parts of water as a foaming aid; and 50 weight parts of a foaming agent composition shown in Table 3 below (including HFC-245fa as a foaming agent, a vapor pressure depressant, etc., but not counting TNPP and TIBP), whereby a premix solution was prepared. TNPP or TIBP was directly added to the polyol in an amount of 15 weight parts per 100 weight parts of the polyol.